A resolution rejecting bids received for the City of Forks
1.0 & 0.75 MG Reservoir Recoating Project

WHEREAS, the City of Forks advertised for sealed bids for the recoating of the City’s 1.0 and 0.75 million gallon water reservoirs;

WHEREAS, the City received bids that were in excess of the engineering firm’s estimate, which was used to secure a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development program;

WHEREAS, the difference between the City’s USDA guaranteed loan amount and the lowest bid amount would need to be paid from the City’s water utility reserves;

WHEREAS, there is a potential that the proposed schedule of work for the contractors in relationship to bids and contracting could have also played a factor in the bids being over the engineering firm’s estimate;

WHEREAS, the City had other issues raised in its processes;

WHEREAS, the bid documents reserved the City’s right to reject all bids as found within RCW 35.23.352;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Forks that:
1. The City Council rejects all bids for the reasons noted above;
2. The Council directs the Mayor and his staff to provide all bidders with a copy of this resolution as the City’s notice to all bidders of this decision;
3. The Council directs the Mayor and his staff to work with the contracted engineers to rebid this project in a manner that is consistent with Washington law and in the best interest of the City; and,
4. The Council directs the Mayor and his staff to research the issue of additional USDA guaranteed financing for the total project in light of the new information available to the City.

Passed by the City Council on this 13th of August 2018.

Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Attested and Authenticated to:  Approved as to Form:
Audrey Grafstrom  William R. Pleck
Clerk/Treasurer  Attorney/Planner